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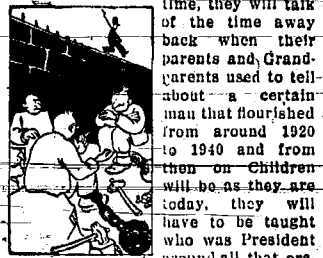
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Says WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS. When you see great grandchildren sitting around some Penal Institution at recreation time, they will talk of the time away back when their parents and Grandparents used to tell about a certain man that flourished from around 1920 to 1940 and from whom our children will be as they are today.



These confined grandchildren of ours will say, "Yes we have great Coaches today, we have great Teams. But bad says every play they know was originally done away back in his childhood by Knute Rockne who founded Notre Dame. This Notre Dame was just another St. Ignace College, they cut down the tall grass, dammed up the creek, and made another one of those Indiana Institutions of learning that flourished on practically every quarter section throughout the State. Well from what Granddad says, this Rockne blew in there, and went to school. He was a Swede, or a Norwegian, or a Dane, or some of those Ski Jumping Nations up in there. He didn't know a football from a footpath. But these Pumpkin Seed Boys was kicking one around, there and playing what they humorously referred to as Football. They let him play with em just for comedy purposes, and for a Swede, or a Norwegian, or a Dane, he turned out to be mighty good. Along about then they started throwing forward passes, so as to have some more fun they got to throwing em to this Swede, or Norwegian, or Dane. Well instead of this Swede, or Norwegian or Dane dodging em, why he got to catching em, and starting over the line with em. Well then he graduated, for they want let you stay in one of those Schools but four years, no matter how little you know.

So he found some boys that didn't know much more about the game than he did, so he started in coaching em, the first thing you know he was helping to coach Notre Dame. Well he didn't think he was much of a Coach till he got to seeing some of the others. The head Coach got a job at what he thought was a real high G.O. University, and Knute took over the team.

He told em that football was a game of the head, and not of the feet and hands. Well in just wasn't no time till Notre Dame had got out of the woods, and raised their Scholarship standing a half dozen touchdowns, and you started reading about it. It wasn't just a Newspaper thing, it was right up in the money. It was filling more Stadiums than any of em. He then originated the unique idea of playing a real team every Saturday, instead of about three a season. Then come his climax, as my old Grandparents have told me, He was a great Kidder. He was to play a game on the coast against their best, and their Sporting Writers had boosted their team up till it looked like practical death for Knute to even go on the field with em. Well he started in before they left Chicago, saying that his team didn't have a chance that they would be beat as they had lost their only Star. Well on the Coast they fell for it, and when he got to Tucson, Arizona to practice, why he was supposed to have lost another Star, a Mr. Mullins. The Sporting Writers come down to see who he was practicing in Mullins place and they noticed a No 31. They looked it up and it was a Mr. Hanley. But when the game started a gent named O'Connor was the star.

Nobody had ever heard of him, but nobody will ever forget him. Then the news leaked out that during this Arizona practice he had been wearing Hanley's sweater. But No Sporting Writer had over thought of that. Well he kidded em right up to game time, and even got the odds against his team. Well Grandpa says that when they kicked off Notre Dame got a hold of the ball and never give it back to the other side all day. But the thing that Grandpa laughed about was the way this fellow Rockne just kidded the pants of the whole Pacific coast from the time he left South Bend till he got back. Barnum Grandpa says in his blindest days never made such a Stoker out of folks with his side show as this Knute fellow did singlehanded, outside of what his team did to the others. He even told em that next year they would beat him that had. "Well everybody was surprised to know that they would play em again next year. Nobody ever heard of the Kaiser wanting a return date.

But I have just heard Grandpa sit by the hour and tell some of the Komical things this Rockne did in his day. Yes Sir, Grandpa says he is the one that made Notre Dame more famous than Oxford and Cambridge. This Swede, or Norwegian, or Dane, or Lithuanian, or whatever he is.

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NELS P. OLSON PASSED AWAY

WAS ONE OF GRAYLING'S OLDEST CITIZENS

Nels P. Olson passed away at his home here at 2:33 o'clock Monday morning, as a result of a stroke of paralysis received about two years ago. He was nearly 81 years of age. Altho he had been confined to his home during most of the time for the past two years, and was speechless, and unable to move about without assistance, still his death came unexpectedly and came to him in his slumbers.

Nels Peter Olson was born in Sialand, Denmark, May 24th 1850. When a young man he came to America and located in Wisconsin. Later he came to Grayling which has been his home for the last fifty years.

He was united in marriage to Miss Marie Fischer March 10th, 1882. Thirteen children were born to this union, five of whom died in infancy. In his early years in Grayling Mr. Olson worked in the lumber camps and was a stockholder in the Lewiston Lumber Co., the Louis Jensen Lumber Co., of Ewen and the Grayling Lumber Co. of Monroe, La. He was an extensive stockholder, and director in the Banning Brewing Co. of Saginaw and a director in the American State Bank of Saginaw.

About seven years ago Mr. Olson was taken with a stroke of paralysis, from which he recovered fairly well. About two years ago he had another that rendered him quite helpless and robbed him of his speech. Thruout these two years he had been a patient sufferer. He was able to sit up in his home and occasionally was able to get down town.

Mr. Olson was a good citizen. He liked companionship and enjoyed being among his friends and that meant practically everyone he knew. He was generally well liked by both old and young, and he must have sensed with a great deal of pleasure in his late years that he was able to include in his legacy a lot of warm friends.

He is survived by his widow, and eight children: Mrs. Anna Schatz, Mrs. Ruby McNeven, Esbern, George, Ernest and Lester all of Grayling, and Alfred and Waldemar of Detroit, and one brother, John Olson of Saginaw. There are also eight grandchildren. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, interment being in Elmwood cemetery.

NURSE CHECKS UP ON T. B. PATIENTS

Mrs. Ethel Langenberg, clinic nurse of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, was in Crawford county last week to call upon patients diagnosed as active or suspicious cases of tuberculosis at the chest clinic held in Grayling on August 6, 7, and 8. Her calls, following up the work of the clinic, were made to make certain that the patients understood and were carrying out the instructions given in the clinic, that the family doctor had been consulted, and that care was being taken to prevent infection of children in the family.

As part of the program for which Board of Supervisors voted financial support in 1929, the nursing work was paid for by the \$300.00 county subsidy, supplemented by funds secured in the sale of Christmas seals.

TAXES ARE DUE

It will be ready to collect taxes December 10th and will have headquarters at the office of the Judge of Probate at the court house, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

CARL JENSEN, Township Clerk.



GRAYLING LUMBERJACKS
Reading from left to right—front row: L. Cushman, coach; Charles Wylie, Francis Brady, Rudy Harrison, Russell Robertson, Paul Hendrickson, Elmer Neal, Harold McNeven; Back row—Wesley LaGrow, Matt Bidvia, Charles Webb, Devere Schmidt, Howard Schmidt, Henry LaGrow, Arthur May.

LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE AT RED ARROW AUCTION

There were 350 people in attendance at the third Red Arrow auction held at the Temple theatre last Friday evening. Alfred Hanson assisted very efficiently as auctioneer. The highest bid in the silent auction for any article was that of Herb Gothro of \$400 for a pull-up chair. Dorothy Swanson bid \$1.00 as the lowest bid for a large glass dish.

Other bids were as follows:

Mrs. Tracy Nelson—Junior playmate table, \$250.00.

Carl Hanson—Smoking stand, \$161.25.

Adolph Peterson—1 bx. R. G. Dunn Cigars, \$75.00.

Norma Vallad—Cigarette Lighter, \$13.00.

Eva Swanson—Desk Clock, \$50.00.

James Giffin—Boxing Gloves, \$21.80.

Mrs. Clifford Chappel—Play-A-Sax, \$60.00.

Emma Hoffman—35-pc. Dinner Set, \$150.00.

Mrs. Alfred Hermann—Fleetwing Sled, \$38.80.

Alva Stephan—Geneva Auto Show, \$10.25.

Mrs. Leah Olson—Indian suit, Dress, \$34.70.

Mrs. Russell Vallad—2-pr. Ladies' Silk Hose, \$60.00.

Mrs. Neil McDaniels—Boy's High Tops, \$55.60.

Einer Tohonen—Ladies' Silk Scarf, \$62.00.

J. W. Cowell—Men's Scarf, \$89.70.

Mrs. A. Larson—Men's Tie, \$28.95.

Mrs. Severin Jensen—3 lbs. of Coffee and Bowl, \$36.00.

O. P. Schumann—9 Cans Fruit, \$7.50.

Reva Owens—13-Plate Battery, \$86.00.

E. G. Shaw—Fire Chains, \$80.00.

Lars Russen—6 Spark Plugs, \$38.00.

Vivian Dawson—Rear View Mirror with Clock, \$50.50.

Matt Bidvia—1 Frost Shield, \$31.00.

Bids at open auction were as follows:

Football Helmet—\$33.00.

Lunch Kit—\$60.00.

Tire Pump—\$50.00.

1 Lot Canned Fish—\$40.00.

2nd Lot Canned Fish—\$30.00.

Camp Chair—\$141.00.

Several other unlisted items were sold at open auction. Among these were two Christmas trees.

PAY DOG TAX TO CO. TREAS.

Dog taxes are now payable at the office of the County Treasurer at the Court House. Pay now and avoid penalty. WM. FERGUSON, County Treasurer.

NEWS & COMMENTS FROM WASHINGTON

(By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff, Tenth Michigan District.)

In the Interior Department Appropriation Bill which passed the House of Representatives recently, there is an item of \$180,625 for the U. S. Indian School at Mount Pleasant. When I visited this school last fall, in a talk with Superintendent L. E. Baumgarten, the subject of a suitable athletic field was one of the matters discussed. There is an enrollment of 375 pupils there, and therefore the students have not had outdoor athletic facilities for that number, and I promised him I would see what could be done with the House Appropriation Committee to include an amount sufficient to at least make a start on building an athletic field.

Upon my return to Washington in November, I conferred with Commissioner C. J. Rhoads of the Indian Service and with the Chairman of the subcommittee on Appropriations of the House handling appropriations for the Indian Service. It was agreed by them that the item for repairs for the school should be increased from \$14,000 to \$17,000, the increase of \$3,000 to be devoted to making a start on the athletic field. This is not a large sum, but by utilizing the student labor, it can be made to go quite a long way towards leveling the ground, laying off playing and contest fields, and erecting such structures as are believed necessary by the Superintendent.

A jury in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on December 19 rendered a verdict of guilty in the case of the three defendants accused of embezzling a million and a half dollars belonging to investors in the P. H. Smith Real Estate Investment Company, whose operations reached into almost every state in the Union. This is a victory for the Government, whose prosecution of these frauds was in the capable hands of Nugent Dodds, Acting Assistant Attorney General of the United States. Mr. Dodds is a resident of Mount Pleasant, and the son of the Hon. Frank H. Dodds.

In the Senate the other day Senator James C. McLaughlin of Michigan argued in behalf of the adoption of his amendment to the emergency public buildings appropriation bill, providing that contractors erecting such buildings must employ local labor and pay the highest wages called for in the existing wage scale local agreements of the various trades. Pointing out that there is danger of the large contractors importing workers from the larger centers to work upon local projects, the Senator said: "With reference to the transportation of men from one section to another, to do work on Federal contracts, such a contractor is creating a monopoly of the work for that group of men when he takes them from one city to the other and puts them in tents and houses them in such manner. He, by that procedure, is creating a monopoly of work for his particular employees. But, entirely aside from that fact, the second provision of the amendment is that any contract which the Federal Government enters into must contain a provision that the contractor, wherever the work is to be done, must pay the highest prevailing wage for the class of work to be done in that particular community."

Interest on the part of the ex-service men in the present move to pay the face value of adjusted service certificates is quite active. These certificates were issued to the soldiers of the World War upon a basis of length of service in the nature of a paid-up endowment insurance policy, payable in twenty years. At the present time a great many ex-service men find themselves out of work and with payments on their homes and farms to meet, and feel that if the cash represented by their certificates were paid now it could be used to better advantage than at date of maturity.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Thrilling excitement among the little folks and pleasing expectancy among the older ones prevailed, when the Sunday school and their guests gathered at Michelson Memorial church Thursday evening of last week for their Christmas program.

The church had been tastefully and effectively decorated with evergreens and two lovely Christmas trees, all prettily lighted in the Christmas colors. Tall red Christmas candles, lighted in each window added charm to the decorations.

The program of songs and recitations by the Primary department were very well given and the well trained singing by the intermediate classes was inspiring and lovely.

Santa Claus had been waiting some what impatiently in the banquet room, wondering why the children did not come. So unusual, you know, for Santa to have to wait instead of the children. Still it gave him a few minutes to rest and to listen to the music overhead. Then there was a rush and the room was filled with excitement and joy as everyone greeted Santa and inspected another beautifully decorated tree. Santa gave each a nice treat, and many of the sleepy and happy little ones were ready for home.

It is estimated that there were about 600 grownups and children present to enjoy the Christmas festivities.

Michelson Memorial Church

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister

Sunday, December 28, 1930

New Year's Services

11:00 A. M.—Starting the New Year with—God!

7:30 P. M.—A picture story "The King of Kings." If you did not see this picture in the motion picture you have a chance to see it in this stereoscopic form with the story told with the human voice.

Come and bring your friends.

A New Year's Message—Scribbling Over the First Page

A great writer has written a book entitled "WHY WE BEHAVE LIKE HUMAN BEINGS." Some novelist ought to write a real story on a kindred subject—"WHY WE BEHAVE LIKE INHUMAN BEINGS."

For man does many strange things at certain periods of the year, and none more strange than the way he sometimes chooses to usher in the New Year. Like the young child in the Primary Department of the school, when he is handed a new and attractive note-book, he scribbles in careless fashion all over the first page. Of course we expect that of the child, but we do expect something better and finer of the child's father and mother or older sister and brother.

How much better if all people everywhere would learn a lesson from the message of Kathleen Wheeler who has written for us—

"I went to the throne with a quivering soul—

The old year was done.

Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?

I have spoiled this one.

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,

And gave me a new one all unspotted,

And into my sad heart smiled,

Do better now, my child.

May none of us scribble over the first page—dated 1931.

REWARD

A reward is offered for information that will lead to arrest of party who cut timber off my property, the South East quarter (4) of North East quarter (4) Section 13, Town Twenty-six (26) north, range Four (4) West.

The above property was cut since 1927 and 1930.

Mrs. Rosa Joseph, 3533 N. Farwell ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 12-18-1

Read your home paper. Subscribe for the Avalanche.

8-DAY TRIP TO EAST FOR \$25.00

The Y. M. C. A. is offering the young men of Northern District a holiday "Y" travel trip at a very low cost. This is an eight day trip from Lansing, starting Saturday morning of this week, visiting Niagara Falls, Washington, D. C., and other historical places with a reasonable assurance of meeting the President at his New Year's reception. The party will stop at the various Y. M. C. A.'s on their journey, thus making this trip possible at a cost of \$25.00. This includes meals, lodging and entire cost of travel.

Proposed Eastern Trip Schedule: Saturday, December 27

7:00 A. M.—Leave Lansing Y.M.C.A. for Detroit. Through new tunnel to Canada, across Southern Ontario to Niagara Falls or Buffalo for dinner and night. View Lake Erie and Welland Canal.

Sunday, December 28

Visit Niagara Falls. Cross North-western New York into Pennsylvania, following beautiful Susquehanna River through mountains to Harrisburg, capital of Pennsylvania.

Monday, December 29

Early start for Philadelphia. In afternoon cross New Jersey to Atlantic City and the ocean. Overnight at Philadelphia.

Tuesday, December 30

Forenoon visiting Philadelphia—Independence Hall, Wanamaker's Store, etc. Afternoon at Wilmington, Del., then to Baltimore for supper. On to Washington for night.

Wednesday, December 31

Visit Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, White House, Capitol, Library of Congress, etc. Rooms at Proctor's near the White House.

Thursday, January 1

Visit Mount Vernon, Alexandria, and Arlington, all in Virginia, in morning. Rock Creek park, (the big zoo), or museums in afternoon. Plan to meet President Hoover.

Friday, January 2

Leave Washington. Travel through mountains, visit Gettysburg battlefield. Spend night at Wheeling, W. Va., or Pittsburgh.

Saturday, January 3

Cross Ohio for Lansing.

Total cost of trip to passenger—\$25.00 (from Lansing).

For further information phone Walter Gaspill, Y.M.C.A. Secretary, Petoskey, Number 235.

APPLICATIONS FOR HOMESTEADS INCREASING

The State Lands Division of the Conservation Department reports that homestead applications have increased three to four times that of normal during the present so-called economic depression.

The present demand is not from the centers of population alone, but is spread generally over the State. Most of the applications are for homesteads previously abandoned, which generally contain some cleared land and buildings of some sort.

It is not the policy of the Conservation Commission to grant homestead entry unless this body has been reasonably assured that the applicant has a fair chance of proving his homestead. This involves an examination of the lands applied for, to determine their suitability for homestead, and also some consideration of the qualifications of the prospective homesteader.

Michigan law permits homesteading a minimum of forty acres and a maximum of one hundred sixty. The applicant must furnish proof of settlement within three months after his application has been approved and he has paid the stipulated ten cents per acre. To obtain title to the land the applicant must reside on the homestead for five years.

Lovers of Mystery Stories

The Crime club is a name given to subscribers who wish to purchase certain books restricted to the mystery type of story.

CROWDS ATTEND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday was a red-letter day in the history of Michelson Memorial church. For several weeks, the efficient Choir under the able direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert has been giving much time to the preparation of two splendid Christmas musical programs, and the two very large audiences which attended on Sunday showed a musical appreciation on the part of the people of this community which is very commendable. The Choir was fortunate this year in having the assistance of Mr. Dorr who came from Grass Lake in order to take part in these special services, and the Church is greatly indebted to him. Moreover, there was with the choir once again, Emerson Brown of the U. of M. who is always popular in musical circles with his home town.

Added to this, Miss McAllister, the very loyal music teacher in our schools, stayed over for two days so that she could do her part in making these services a real success.

The morning service was built around the theme—"There is no room in the Inn." Mr. Greenwood speaking appropriately on this subject. In the evening, an interesting play was given dealing with race and religious attitudes and how through the leavening influence of the Gospel of Christ the things which shut Jesus out of the Inn no longer obtain. It was a story dealing with modern life and reflected with much credit on the Christian aspects of modern hospital life. Again, the musical numbers were excellent, and the service proved a fine climax to a real day of inspiration and worship.

After the evening service, the members of the choir and husbands and wives and the musical committee were entertained in the parsonage, a dainty lunch being served by the committee members, and an evening of happy social fellowship spent together.

The Avalanche desires to congratulate all those participating in these splendid services, and are happy over the response of the community to such efforts. Long live the spirit of Christmas!

Rialto Theatre (GRAYLING)

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25-26

Christmas Special

El Brendel in

"JUST IMAGINE"

Saturday, Dec. 27th (only)

Charles Bickford in

"PASSION FLOWER"

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 28-29

Charles "Buddy" Rogers in

"ALONG CAME YOUTH"

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 30-31

Jack Oakie in

"SEA LEGS"



THE HOLIDAY SEASON affords an opportunity to express again the pleasure we derive from our business relations with you. We wish you A MERRY CHRISTMAS... and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

GRAYLING BOX CO.

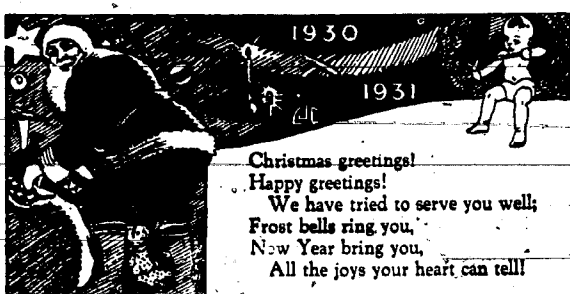
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We have found that friendship in business counts for much and we are grateful for yours.

Let us wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Michigan Public Service Co.



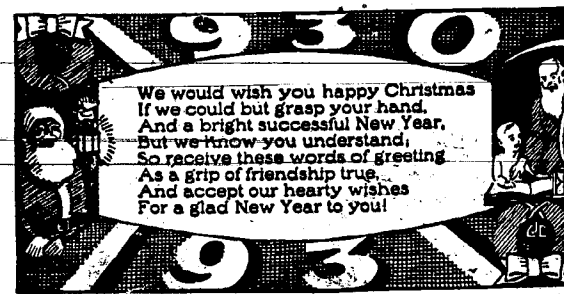
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Christmas greetings!
Happy greetings!
We have tried to serve you well;
Frost bells ring you,
New Year bring you,
All the joys your heart can tell!



Merry Christmas,
friend and patron,
Happy New Year, too!
May all joy be
in your home
All the glad year
through!

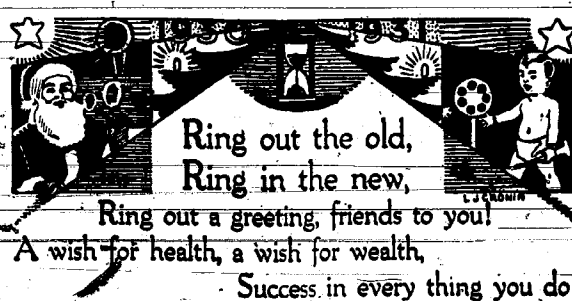
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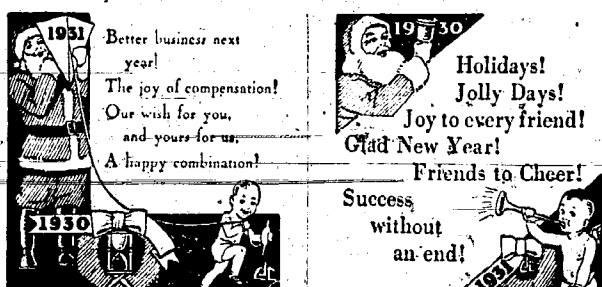
We would wish you happy Christmas
If we could but grasp your hand,
And a bright successful New Year,
But we know you understand,
So receive these words of greeting
As a grip of friendship true,
And accept our hearty wishes
For a glad New Year to you!

Emil Niederer
ICE AND COAL
Phone 57-W



Ring out the old,
Ring in the new,
Ring out a greeting, friends to you!
A wish for health, a wish for wealth,
Success in every thing you do!

Alfred Hanson
One-Stop Service Station
Chevrolet Sales and Service
Phone 151-W

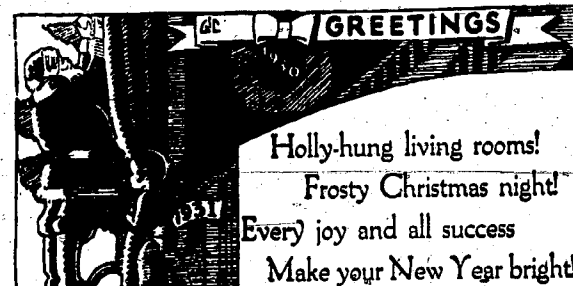


1931 Better business next
year!
The joy of compensation!
Our wish for you,
and yours for us,
A happy combination!

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Holidays!
Jolly Days!
Joy to every friend!
Glad New Year!
Friends to Cheer!
Success
without
an end!

Cooley's Gift Shop
Phone 123

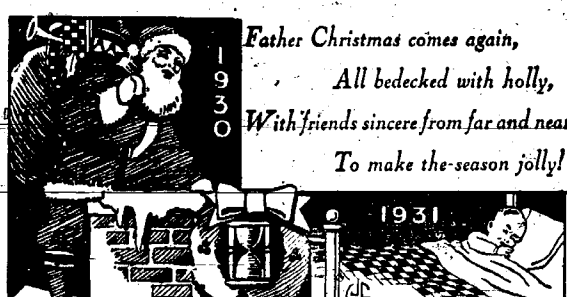


GREETINGS

Holly-hung living rooms!
Frosty Christmas night!
Every joy and all success
Make your New Year bright!

**Palmer
Fire
Insurance
Agency**
Phone 111

**Grayling
Dairy**
Phone 91-R



Father Christmas comes again,
All bedecked with holly,
With friends sincere from far and near
To make the season jolly!

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Emil Kraus
DRY GOODS
SHOES AND CLOTHING
Phone 81



Here is what we wish you
For the New Year, thirty-one:
Fidelity in friendship,
Your share of Christmas fun,
The drawing of
good business,
And the joy of work
well done!

1931

George Burke
FORD SALES AND SERVICE
Phone 40



merry
Christmas
Happy
New year

**Kerry & Hanson
Flooring Co.**
Phone 59



Christmas and the New Year,
A gay old combination,
And so this card of greeting, friends,
Sincere congratulation!

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Don't forget...
Nick



We cannot say the words we would
Of deep appreciation;
We take this way of wishing you
A happy celebration!

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Grayling Hardware
Phone 122



1931 SPECIAL
Happy
Christmas wishes
Caroled
through the night!
Every joy
to bring you
For a
New Year bright!

H. Petersen
GROCER
Phone 25

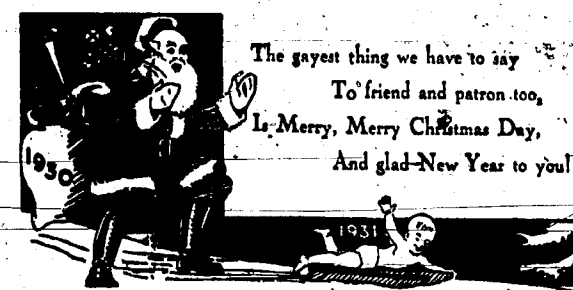
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GROCERIES
Phone 99



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As
nineteen-thirty prospered,
Then so will thirty-one,
We hope to keep your
custom,
Success has just begun!

Happy New Year, friend and
patron,
Joy, success, good luck
untold!
Every bright wish for your
future,
Every joy your heart
can hold!



The gayest thing we have to say
To friend and patron too,
Is Merry, Merry Christmas Day,
And glad-New Year to you!

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Frosty Night! Joy Bells Bright!
Homes bedecked with holly,
The Season bring:
Everything
To make your
New Year jolly!

**Burrows'
Market**
Phone 2

**Parsons
&
Wakeley**
Service Station
Phone 112-M

**The
Economy
Store**
B. A. Cooley,
Propr.

O. Sorenson & Son
SPORTING GOODS
CONFECTIONERY AND CIGARS
Phone 105

AGRICULTURAL NOTES



Some cattle feeders feed the lower grades of steers, a rather heavy silage ration in the winter and market in the spring when conditions are best for selling steers not highly finished.

Canaries are very sensitive to cold drafts and most of their ailments result from exposure to cold. Hang the cage where there is sunshine but no draft. Keep the room at a fairly even temperature. In cold weather it is well to cover the cage with a cloth at night.

The farmer who buys his alfalfa or red-clover seed must tell whether it is domestic or imported, since the Federal seed act requires the coloring of all imported seed. Ten per cent red coloring (orange red for Argentine alfalfa seed) indicates general unsuitability to conditions in the United States. All other alfalfa and red-clover seed is colored 1 per cent green with the exception of Canadian seed which is colored 1 per cent violet.

Hemlock is attractive for Christmas decorations, but its needles begin to drop off sooner than those of most greens. Plant specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture say that hemlock needles will hold much longer if the stems are recut and put in water.

Bees must have stores of high quality during the winter months or they will suffer from dysentery. It is particularly important that the honey adjacent to the cluster be good, as this is the part used in the winter. If the stores are of poor quality, feed each colony about 10 pounds of heavy sugar sirup after brood rearing has ceased. The feeding should be done rapidly.

Buying a good herd bull is an important step in growing better beef calves. In common of native herds, calves sired by purebred bulls weigh on an average 60 pounds a head more when sold at fat yearlings than calves of the same age sired by scrub bulls, and they will sell for 1 to 2 cents a pound more, according to experiments in Arkansas and Oklahoma. The cost of feed for putting 100 pounds gain on the scrub calves was slightly more than the cost for the grade calves.

It requires skill to bleed a steer properly. After stunning the animal stretch the neck out as far as possible and cut through the skin from the breastbone toward the throat, making a cut from 10 to 12 inches long. Insert the knife with the back of the blade against the breastbone and point the tip directly toward the backbone at the top of the shoulders, just under the windpipe, and cut forward toward the head.

Read the Avalanche and get all the home news. It may not save your life but it will save you money

RECORD OF Your Property

PRESENT VALUES AND INSURANCE

HOUSE	BUSINESS PLACE	FURNITURE STOCK and EQUIPMENT	GARAGE and CARS	FIRE RENTS RENTAL VALUE WINDSTORM TRANSPORTATION
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Check Up Before You Burn Up!

INNUMERABLE fires are constantly causing HEAVY LOSSES, anxiety and heartaches.

With adequate Stock Fire Insurance, the investment of the home owner is virtually without risk. Insurance makes money invested in a home a tangible asset.

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Englishman Takes Pride in Cobweb Collection

There is hardly anything, from coin of the realm to cobwebs, which does not form the subject of somebody's collection. This is not a mere figure of speech—it is literally true, writes a contributor in the Sheffield (England) Weekly Telegraph.

Take the cobwebs, for example. One knows, of course, that lazy caretakers of old houses make involuntary collections of old cobwebs, but does anyone actually look for and preserve these natural fly catchers? They actually do! There is a man living in a Hampshire village who proudly boasts a large collection of what he calls "spidergraphs," each of which (like human fingerprints) differs from the others.

Gathered carefully, while the sun is warm, the spidergraph is sprayed with shellac to "fix" it and then pressed, ready for the collection between two pieces of glass. Whether his accumulation will ever have any selling value is very doubtful, but there is no accounting for the whims of American millionaires, and it is on the cards that some day one of them will be prepared to exchange a few thousand superfluous dollars for the lightest collection in the world.

Dinner Companion Came

to Rescue of Admiral

When Admiral Robert E. Coonts had returned to Annapolis as commandant of midshipmen he was in charge of the cadets on a foreign cruise. The first stop was Queenstown, Ireland. It was at the time of the coronation of King George V, and at an official banquet Coonts had to propose a toast to the new king. He was getting along nicely with his speech when he suddenly realized that he had forgotten what numeral came after the king's name.

"I was floundering along when the thought occurred to me that the wife of the British admiral who sat on my left was an American woman," he later said.

"I feigned a cough of bloodspitting, and while taking a drink of water I leaned over to her and whispered: 'Madam, I have forgotten which George this is.'"

"I again essayed to speak and had another coughing spell. When I turned toward my dinner companion she held up five fingers and said: 'Fifth, of course.'"—Kansas City Star.

Valley of Aare

If one would see nature in a bewitching mood he should visit the valley of Aare. The River Aare had such an enormous hold on the imagination of Wyss he was inspired to write:

"Sometimes the Aare seems to me a young river god—rushing impetuously from his cavern and traversing the plains with gay speed, escorted by its troop of noisy brothers. Before long, caught in cupids' bonds, he joins hands with some maid and lazily stretches himself in the lakes of Brienz and Thun, as if he wanted to taste the joys of calm repose." Coxe also remarked about this part of Switzerland over a century ago: "It is impossible to describe all these majestic and astonishing scenes, for indeed they defy the strongest powers of pen and pencil."

Early Railroad Records

As early as 1845 a record was made in England of 45 miles in 52 minutes. At one time the train was proceeding at the rate of one mile in 48 seconds, or "at the astonishing velocity of 75 miles an hour." In the same year the American Railroad Journal said: "The other day on the London North Western railway, a rate of travel at the speed of 65 miles an hour was accomplished. The express trains on these lines run at the rate of nearly 50 miles an hour, stoppage included." During 1848 the Antelope engines on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad made a speed of 60 miles an hour.

Asking for Trouble

The prison chaplain inquired of a newcomer what had brought about his downfall.

"Well, you see, sir," began the man, "I married a new woman."

"The chaplain was sympathetic. 'The new woman,' he declared, 'is the curse of the age. Thinking only of pleasure, she neglects her home and drives her husband into desperate courses. And to what crime did she drive you?'

"Well, you see, sir," said the man, "I married a new woman, and the old one gave me in charge for bigamy."

America's Largest Island

Isle Royale, Michigan's beautiful island in Lake Superior, often is spoken of as "the second largest island in the United States." Long Island, N. Y., being the largest island. But the second largest is Whidbey Island, belonging to the state of Washington, according to the American Geographical society. Whidbey Island lies across the entrance to Puget sound and is so little known that geographers and atlas makers differ on the spelling of its name.

Back to the Library

A young patron at the West Indianapolis public library was explaining why he had not been taking out books for some time.

"Well, you see," he said, "my brother used to buy lots of magazines and I'd read 'em. But he went 'gooty' and got married and don't buy 'em any more."

FRED THE GAME BIRD

Many game birds will die this winter unless they are fed. If you are interested in the birds, write to the Conservation Department at Lansing for a copy of "Winter Feeding Stations and Foods for Ground Feeding Birds in Michigan."

Footwear for Xmas is always appreciated. Hosiery, socks, slippers and shoes at Olsen's.

BEST FOR THE ARMY



"The army should take only married men."

"Why?"

"Because they're trained to take orders, of course."

SURE SIGN



"Is Jim making fair money these days?"

"I'll say he is—he's a street car conductor."

DIDN'T FIT IN



Tramp—"Got 'nother of them good square meals I got the other day, lady?" Lady of the House—"No; I've decided a square meal doesn't fit a man who's found all the time like you are."

HOW HE KNEW



Jackson—Is he well up on English? Johnson—My friend, he fills in crossword puzzles with an indelible pencil.

NOT A COW-DOG



First Neighbor—Why didn't your dog run that cow out of your garden then?

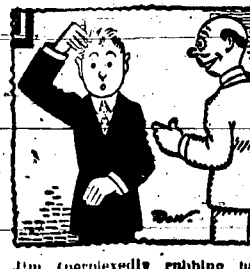
Second Neighbor—Beneath his dignity—he's a bulldog, you know.

HAMMER-HEAD WON



Perch—Who won the nail-driving contest at the picnic? Bass—"Wha, the hammer-head shark, of course!"

HIS CRAZY BONE



I'm (perplexedly rubbing head)—"Where's a man's crazy bone?" Joe—"You're rubbing yours now."

ADD EMPLOYEES TO PAYROLL

More than 5,700 men added to the Hudson-Essau employment total, the number of wage earners at the plant today is 9,244, it was stated by William J. McAnaney, president and general manager. This figure compares with 3,500 a month ago. More men are being taken on, week by week, but it is emphasized that all of these are former employees who

Birds' Christmas Tree and a Cardinal Visitor

"MOTHER, can't we do something for the birds? David, all snowy and very checked, came dashing into the bedroom where his mother was doing up Christmas gifts. Jack, home from college, was close behind small David.

"David thinks the birds ought to have something special for Christmas, mother. How about stringing the fir tree on the lawn for them?"

"Splendid! We always put colored lights in it and we can tie apples on it and little crusts of suet and those small branches of berries in the garlands are really nature's provision for birds."

"And we'll put crusts of bread on the limbs just like packages," David interrupted, eyes dancing.

After the birds were asleep Jack and David trimmed the tree.

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!" the birds were chirping on Christmas morning and the neighbors as well as the family were watching with interest.

"But what's that bright red on the topmost branch?" David pointed excitedly. "Look! Look!"

"Can you beat that?" Jack exclaimed. "That's the cardinal that's been hanging around the last two years. He's come to the birds' Christmas tree."—Florence Harris Wells.

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Santa Will Provide an

Up-to-Date Christmas

SANTA CLAUS is a decidedly progressive old chap. He keeps strictly abreast of the times, and in his work employs only modern-day methods. Once he went plodding over the fields in a sleigh no faster than reindeers could gallop. It took him a long time, but he managed to make the rounds.

Then came the automobile. Santa got a big red one and hitched trailers on behind. He could get around faster. He carried bigger loads, got to more homes and made more children happy. When airplanes flew over the North pole Santa got another idea. He believed that planes would be better for his long trips and for skipping from house to house. He is hardly built for an air pilot, but nobody else is faster nor farther than him.

He does not fancy zeppelins, but he is sure that in another year or two he may be able to broadcast Christmas to the children by radio. As soon as carriers are invented to fly through the air, directed and landed by radio energy, old Santa will sit on his mountain of northern ice and broadcast an up-to-date Christmas to all the world.—William L. Gaston.

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One Merry Christmas,

One Happy New Year

"MOTHER, mother, Mrs. Thimble is going to give old Miss Jenny a wonderful Christmas present—the thing she wants most in all the world—do you know what it is?"

"Why, no, Johnnie. I'm afraid I don't. What is it?"

"Well, it's two children; it's twins."

"What do you mean, Johnnie? Miss Jenny isn't married. She can't have any children—I know she has always wanted some, but she wouldn't adopt any, and now she is so old and ill—it's ridiculous, Johnnie! don't talk such nonsense."

"That isn't nonsense, mother. Of course, Mrs. Thimble didn't say she was going to give Miss Jenny any children, but she did say she was going to give her a lot of presents and nice things, such as a sweater, and a lot of things she can't afford for herself, so that she will have at least one Merry Christmas and one Happy New Year in her life, and I just figured out that that was the best kind of twins an old woman like her could possibly have."—Harold L. Coak.

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CHRISTMAS STUFF



"You say you and Tom have had a quarrel—and just before Christmas?"

"Yes. He thinks he'll get out of giving me a present, but I'll make up with him just about a week before Christmas and get a present twice as expensive as I otherwise would."

Kiss for Each Mistletoe Berry

One kiss for each berry was the original mistletoe ritual, a berry being exchanged for a kiss on the cheek.

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A Christmas Wish

WOULD to God the world would stay

As it is on Christmas Day;

That our hearts would hold and know

All its joy and happy glow;

All its friendliness and cheer

Through each day and through each year.

—Katherine Edelman

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SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court, for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, to me directed and delivered, in favor of The Alpena Battery Service Corporation, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Seelye B. Wakeley, I did, on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1930, levy upon and take all the right title and interest, said Seelye B. Wakeley, and to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, to wit: All that certain piece and parcel of land situated in the township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, known and described as a piece of land bounded by a line, commencing at a point on the section line between sections 11 and 12, town 26 north, range 2 west, 625 feet south of the quarter post corner to said sections 11 and 12, thence south 76 degrees 26 minutes west, 443 feet; thence south 45 degrees east 318 feet; thence south 20 degrees west 284 feet to a point on the north bank of the Ausable river; thence south easterly along the north bank of the Ausable river to the section line between said sections 11 and 12, thence north on said section line to the point of beginning, being a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section eleven, town twenty-six, north, range two, west, and containing approximately two acres, all of which I shall expose for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, as the law directs, at the front door of the Court house in the Village of Grayling, (that being the building in which the Circuit Court for said County of Crawford, State of Michigan, is held) on Saturday, the 31 day of January, A. D. 1931, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

J. E. Bobenmoyer, Sheriff.

Merle F. Nellist, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Dated December 12th, 1930.

12-18-7

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof at any time within six months after return of service of this notice as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land
County of Crawford.

The northwest quarter of the north-east quarter of Sec. 11, Town 28N, Range 1W. Amount paid \$9.21 tax for year 1925.

Amount paid \$8.62 tax for year 1926.

Amount paid \$5.36 tax for year 1927.

Amount paid \$4.47 tax for year 1928.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$..... plus the fees of the Sheriff.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES
OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, December 26, 1907

Miss Kenney visits her parents in Mt. Pleasant for Christmas.

Miss Edith McIntyre is home for the holidays from Marion, Ind.

Miss Redhead is at home with her people at Judges for Christmas.

The Misses Irving are spending the holidays at home in Croswell, Mich.

Miss O'Callaghan spends her vacation at home in Greenville, Mich.

Will Woodburn has his feet under his Dad's table for Christmas.

Ben Jerome, Will Fisher, Gottie Kraus and Ole Johnson, students at M. A. C. are spending Christmas at home.

Miss Katherine Bates is home from Alma, and has resumed her place in the postoffice where she is an expert.

Frank Jorgensen came from Ypsil, Saturday, and will put in the week with the family here.

Supervisor Craven of Frederic is on an extended visit at Grand Rapids and Flint.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hoelsi, Dec. 20, a son. Dan weighs about a ton.

Arthur Fournier is home from the Notre Dame University for the holidays. He is looking as though still agreed with him, and will make every hour count with his old associates here.

Ex-Supervisor Strittmatter of Beaver Creek was in town Saturday with the crowd of Christmas shoppers. He reports everything moving all right on the farm.

F. R. Deckrow of Maple Forest is installing the heating apparatus and plumbing in the opera house, which will add greatly to the comfort and convenience of the building.

The general consensus of opinion propounded here at present is, "what is the meaning of the Curfew curfew?" and published last fall by the council.

Geo. Mittert a one-time resident of Beaver Creek, who has been visiting with his daughter, Mrs. H. E. Parker, returned to his home at Coleman, but his daughter, Myrtle here for the winter.

Miss Elizabeth Salling is home from Big Rapids.

NOVEL SMOKING TUBES USED BRILLIANT TROPICAL WOODS BY INDIANS

A species of combined cigarette and pipe which would elicit the admiration of a modern efficiency engineer was commonly used by Indians of the Plains region, according to Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore, Curator of Ethnology in the Museum of Anthropology, University of Michigan. The tube, made from a short section of a large, stiff type of prairie grass, was cut off with equal portions on each side of a joint in the grass. One end was used as a mouthpiece, while the other was packed with tobacco which burned without consuming the tube, making either a bowlless pipe or a hand-shell cigarette, as the reader prefers.

When Farms and Forests Join

"There are farmers located on marginal lands in forest regions whose continued residence on these lands might be insured by the reforestation of nearby lands," Secretary of Agriculture Hyde says in a recent article in American Forestry and Forest Life. "The work of rehabilitating the forest would offer employment in the immediate future. The growth of the trees to a size which would allow the harvesting of products would furnish a continuous demand for labor, and through support of industry, a continuous source of public income. Thus the combination of forestry and agriculture would provide both a good living to the farmers and adequate support for the schools, roads, and other undertakings essential to satisfactory social life. Another class of farmers who in addition to their farm lands own woodlots, which contain trees of merchantable size, or trees that will, if protected and cared for, be of merchantable size within a reasonable period of years. Where it is possible through better marketing of products and better forestry practices to create or increase income from these lands, the farmer will have an additional source of income and a market for some of his labor that he cannot devote to farming during the slack season of the year."

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Irene Burton has returned from a short visit in Saginaw.

Tony Engler of Madison, Wis., is a guest at the home of Wm. Fisher.

Miss Ida Hammond will spend Christmas with her sister in Bay City.

Prof. Bradley and the boys are spending Xmas at Grandpa's at Le Roy, Mich.

Mrs. Nellie Thomas is making her mother, Mrs. F. Freeland, an extended visit.

Fred Slight and family came down to eat up Grandpa Haven's provender yesterday.

Fred Papendick, for over two years a wanderer in North Dakota, has returned to Beaver Creek.

The many friends of Miss Mabel Redhead will regret to learn that on account of the illness of her mother, she has been obliged to resign her position in our school, to take effect January 31.

Carl Johnson and Carl G. Johnson, both of whom are attending the Ferris Institute, are home for the holidays.

Our sympathy is with F. L. Michelson at Johannesburg today. Only fourteen went up to dinner, "Grandpa Nels." F. E. Hartwick and wife from Jackson, all the brothers and sisters-in-law and nephews. At the same time we congratulate them all on the joyous occasion.

George Collon of Frederic now occupies his new house.

Lovell's Locals (23 years ago)

Dr. Undhill started for New York City last Friday, where he will be for about ten days, then he expects to take his family to southern California for the winter.

E. S. Houghman was doing business in Lansing last week.

R. Frazier was visiting at Lovell's last week.

Samuel Stacey is with us again, no place like Lovell's.

C. W. Miller went to Grayling Friday, to size up the Christmas tree at the Presbyterian church and spend the Sabbath with his sister.

Thursday evening, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee died.

The Christmas Candle Spelled Welcome Home

FOLLOWING an old family custom, Katherine Blair placed a lighted candle in the window. Originally serving to guide lost travelers on Christmas eve, John Blair knew it had been placed there the last three years with Kenneth in mind—the son who was too busy to come home for Christmas.

The candle's bright light had brought cheer to many, so again Katherine placed one in the window. Perhaps this year it would be Kenneth it would guide home.

A whir of a motor overhead—the night mail was arriving. There might be a letter from Kenneth.

A car stopped before the house as John Blair started for the post office. A man rushed up the steps and through the open door shouting "Merry Christmas Dad and Mother."

Between embraces and handshakes he explained: "Found out late I could come home, so I flew down with the mail." The next words filled Katherine's heart with joy—"The old candle sure did spell 'welcome home' to me!" How glad she was the candle was in the accustomed place.

Blanche Tanner—Dillon.

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May Enjoy Christmas in Mansions in the Skies

IT IS not now the fashion to "keep both feet on the ground." In fact it is hard to keep even one foot on the ground; the other one seems always to be up, getting into a car or an airplane; and pretty soon, there you are—both feet entirely, completely, distinctly off the ground!

What this condition may mean to future generations is hard to guess. Perhaps in a year or two people will make a date to celebrate Christmas three thousand feet up in the air.

"Come on up!" friends may be saying. "We're going to shoot a party up over Mt. Washington. Dancing, charades and a fancy dress ball."

And we shall be obliged to taxi in a small plane to the party and be whisked aboard; and worry whether we can get a taxi-plane home again.

And every cockpit will be trimmed in colored bulbs and the trade for Christmas trees will be literally going up! Plane trucks to deliver a fine spruce at the service entrance of a flying mansion in the skies.

So don't stick to that old one about both feet on the ground. If you do, you'll find yourself frightfully low-down and left behind!—Martha Running Thomas.

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Charm of Christmas

THE chief charm of Christmas is its simplicity. It is a festival that appeals to every one, because every one can understand it. A genuine fellowship pervades our common life. A fellowship whose source is our common share in the gift of the world's greatest life which was given to the whole world.

—Arthur Reed Kimball.

Christmas Cards

Sir Henry Cole, an English social and educational reformer, invented the first Christmas card. It was six inches long, and four inches wide, and depicted in the panels formed by a leafy trellis two acts of charity—clothing the needy, and feeding the hungry. Last year more than 100,000,000 worth of Christmas cards were sold in the United States.

Christmas and the Birds

It is said that no peasant in Sweden will sit down with his children to Christmas dinner until he has provided food for the birds. The farmers erect poles in their doorways, to which sheafs of grain are bound, to provide for birds through the season when vegetation is covered with snow and ice.

First Christmas Carols

Christmas carols originated in the eleventh century, being sung between the scenes of the miracle and mystery plays of the period.

Christmas Trees for Porto Rico

New England helps Porto Rico make a green Christmas. Christmas trees are among the exports to the little island.

The Eve of Epiphany

The Eve of Epiphany, or Twelfth Night (January 6), is to the children of some what Christmas is to us.

Would Not Write Card Verses

Tennyson once refused an offer of \$1,000 for a short set of verses for Christmas cards.

Good King of Carol Fame

Good King—Wenceslaus, of Carol fame—was a king of Bohemia.

Send Reports to the Department

offices at Lansing within five days after the close of the respective trapping seasons and listing the number and kinds of furs on hand, these furs may be kept as long as desirable without permits or other formalities.

Fur dealers may purchase furs after the close of the seasons, but must determine whether the furs purchased have been reported to the Conservation Department by the trappers.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

HAVING adopted an outline of a general disarmament treaty, the preparatory disarmament commission of the League of Nations ended its sessions at Geneva. This draft convention will be the basis for the deliberations of a world conference that probably will meet early in 1932.

Amassador Hugh Gibson, who represented the United States, in a closing statement told his colleagues that the outline treaty "fills far short of our hopes and expectations," failing to include the various methods which Americans regarded as essential to real disarmament. He said, however, he consoled himself with the belief that the scheme adopted would permit at least the stabilization of armaments, the setting up of machinery to receive and spread information on armaments, and to prepare systematically for the work of future conferences.

MIL ROOVELT transmitted to the house of representatives a formal request for the immediate appropriation of another \$150,000,000 to the federal fund for the \$500,000,000 revolving fund. The money—needed, he said, "in order that important operations of the board, now in prospect, may be carried through promptly"—it was understood this meant further outlays for the stabilization of wheat prices.

OPERATION of Muscle Shoals by a co-operative organization of farmers was asked by the American Farm Bureau federation at its convention in Boston. It also voiced opposition to amendment of the agricultural marketing act at this time.

The federation also recommended stricter regulation of grain and cotton exchanges; that funds be loaned to farmers in the drought area—be made immediately available; that Congress appropriate money to the authorized development projects, and that the federal treasury have a revolving fund to be used exclusively to stabilize federal land bank bonds.

TWO hundred men and women representing thirty-three dry organizations held an annual conference in Washington and asked that Congress provide more men and more money for enforcement of prohibition. A convention of wetts also was held in the National Capital and agreed on a unified substitute plan for prohibition.

HERE is one record of achievement to brag about. The forest service reports that fire damage to national forest lands this year was held down to \$237,370, a reduction of nearly 95 per cent from last year. This despite the fact that the season has been the driest on record. Forest area burned over amounted to 185,968 acres, only one-fifth of last year's acreage.

PROPERTIES of the Chicago & Alton railroad, which since the time of the Civil war has operated 1,023 miles of track in Illinois and Missouri, were sold at public auction in foreclosure proceedings of the federal court, the sale taking place at Wilmington, Ill., the first station outside of Chicago actually owned by the company. The railway, valued at \$100,000,000, was purchased by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, which owned a majority of the Alton's bonds.

The Alton company had been in receivership for eight years, brought to that condition by financial difficulties that started with the failure to pay dividends on mortgages imposed by the Harwin interests in the '20s. Strikes and bad business in the bituminous coal region helped the company on the downward path.

RUSSIA'S picturesque trial of eight anti-Soviet conspirators accused of an anti-Soviet conspiracy in which foreign nations and notabilities were declared to be involved, ended in the conviction of all the defendants. It could not be otherwise, since all had confessed. Five of them were sentenced to death and three to ten years in prison, and all the Communists applauded. Next day the central executive committee of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics commuted the five death sentences to ten years' imprisonment, and two years were taken off the other sentences. The press of London and Paris looks on the whole affair as a put up job.

NO SATISFACTORY explanation has yet been given of the "poison fog" which killed 47 persons in the Meuse valley of Belgium and France. The Belgian authorities tried to belittle the affair but Queen Elizabeth ruled otherwise and appointed a commission of physicians to make an investigation.

HENRY CLAY now stands in marble in the center of a wide plaza in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, and he is labeled the "Apostle of American Unity." The statue is the present of the United States to Venezuela, given in return for one of Simon Bolivar, hero of South American independence, which was unveiled in New York in 1921. It was dedicated on Tuesday by James R. Sheffield, former ambassador to Mexico, and received by the high officials of the Venezuelan government.

In his address Mr. Sheffield said: "In speaking to the people of Venezuela, I am trying to interpret to all the republics of South America the friendly attitude of my country and its faith in the complete triumph of free institutions and governments in the western world. We aspire to no leadership in your affairs. We only wish to help you in attaining the highest development of your national consciousness and sovereign rights."

SECRETARY of the Navy Adams in his annual report points out the parts in the administration of the navy of reducing navy enlisted personnel to a minimum. He says that during last year there were not enough enlisted men to man fully all types of ships in the navy. To operate the navy with the remaining 79,500 men it will be necessary to decommission a number of vessels.

Appearing before the house naval committee, Mr. Adams asked that Congress approve a \$34,000,000 construction program designed to start our country on the way to having such a fleet as is authorized by the London treaty. Chairman Britten of the committee thereupon introduced a bill authorizing the construction of seven new cruisers and submarines and one aircraft carrier, the only vessels on the navy program not now authorized.

THE annual report of the Internal Revenue commission shows that ten states with an aggregate population of less than one-half of the total for the country pay more than three-fourths of the federal tax bill. These states, in their order, are: New York, North Carolina, Illinois, Pennsylvania, California, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Virginia and Missouri. Few of the southern and western states, except those with large industrial cities, paid tax percentages approaching their population percentages.

The total international revenue receipts for the fiscal year were set by the report at \$3,040,145,733, of which \$2,410,250,230 was paid in income taxes and \$629,895,503 in miscellaneous taxes.

LEE S. OVERMAN, veteran senator from South Carolina, died in Washington after a week's illness. He was seventy-six years old and had served in the senate since 1902.

SOME AMERICAN OBSERVATIONS

By Jay Taylor

If it appears advisable before ratifying a treaty to make a few reservations to protect the interests of Uncle Sam, certain old fashioned Americans may think that all such reservations should be made by the Senate rather than by some cunning European diplomat.

The naval building program for next year has the cordial endorsement of President Hoover and, of course, he will be criticized by those peace societies who believe that the best way to prevent war is for America to disarm.

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Appearing before the house naval committee, Mr. Adams asked that Congress approve a \$34,000,000 construction program designed to start our country on the way to having such a fleet as is authorized by the London treaty. Chairman Britten of the committee thereupon introduced a bill authorizing the construction of seven new cruisers and submarines and one aircraft carrier, the only vessels on the navy program not now authorized.

THE annual report of the Internal Revenue commission shows that ten states with an aggregate population of less than one-half of the total for the country pay more than three-fourths of the federal tax bill. These states, in their order, are: New York, North Carolina, Illinois, Pennsylvania, California, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Virginia and Missouri. Few of the southern and western states, except those with large industrial cities, paid tax percentages approaching their population percentages.

The total international revenue receipts for the fiscal year were set by the report at \$3,040,145,733, of which \$2,410,250,230 was paid in income taxes and \$629,895,503 in miscellaneous taxes.

LEE S. OVERMAN, veteran senator from South Carolina, died in Washington after a week's illness. He was seventy-six years old and had served in the senate since 1902.

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Disciple of St. Francis Had the Christmas Spirit

"WHAT in the world are you doing, Tommy?" asked Mrs. Rowland, hearing her little son on the cellar stairs, the day before Christmas.

"Oh, sump'n," answered the lad, as he hurried up into the kitchen.

As it was a time of Christmas secrets, Mrs. Rowland refrained from pressing the point and soon forgot it.

When the Christmas tree had been denuded of its fruit next morning, Tommy's older brother, Rupert, ran outdoors excitedly, returning soon, all aglow, and shouting:

"What do you think? You know I scattered those crumbs in the back yard, the way St. Francis of Assisi told folks to do for the birds' Christmas feast? Well, there were about a dozen sparrows there when I peeked around the corner of the house. I called 'Merry Christmas' softly so as not to disturb them, and they chirped back."

"Mine worked, too, I guess," said Tommy. "I went and looked on the cellar stairs first thing this morning, and every bit of cheese was gone that I'd put there for the poor little mice!"—Myrtle Koon Cherryman.



If all our Christmas wishes
For your holidays come
true,
You will have success,
good fortune,
And the joys of friend-
ship, too!

Hanson Hardware Co.

Phone 21

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1930

HERE is something that should in-
terest every reader, in fact every
person in the United States. It has
been proposed by Postmaster General
W. G. Brown, to raise first class post-
age rates to 2½¢ per ounce. The
PROFIT to Uncle Sam in 1929 on
first-class mail was 78 million dollars
while the LOSS on second class mail
(magazines and newspapers) was
ninety-eight million dollars. Why
not let the Saturday Evening Post,
The Chicago Tribune, Wm. R. Hearst
and others in this class pay the
deficit their publications are causing
instead of we common mortals each
contributing a full cent, every time
we lick a postage stamp? The only
way to stop this is to write to your
Senators and Congressmen. DO IT
NOW!

News Briefs

Mrs. Lars Rasmussen is quite ill
at her home.

Miss Virginia Hanson, who is at-
tending Nassau College at Pough-
keepsie, N. Y., has arrived to spend
the holidays with her father, T. W.
Hanson.

The Ladies Aid of Michelson Mem-
orial church have signed for the play
"That's That" which will be given
by home talent on Feb. 11 at the
school auditorium.

Misses Ella and Margrethe Han-
son are home from the University
of Michigan and are spending the
holidays at the home of their parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

Mrs. Chire Fahys, wife of the late
Lieut. Herbert Fahys, died last week
in a similar manner in which her
husband was so fatally injured this
summer at the Cliff Durant flying
field on the South Branch. Her plane
took a nose dive when she took off
to fly to Los Angeles. Lieut. Fahys
passed away at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. M. A. Bates received the sad
news Sunday of the death of Mrs. A.
J. Evans of Auburn, N. Y. Mrs. Evans
was in an automobile accident, while
on the way to Syracuse for Thank-
sgiving, in which she was seriously
injured. Mrs. Evans was the sister
of Mrs. Wm. Woodworth, wife of
Dr. Woodworth who practiced here
several years ago. Mr. and Mrs.
Evans visited Mr. and Mrs. Bates
here this last summer and saw many
of her old acquaintances at that time
who will be grieved to hear of her
untimely death.



To our patrons and friends,
To our customers, too,
Here's the wish we are making
This Christmas for you:
May the pleasure that lasts,
And the joy that endures,
And success for the New Year
Forever be yours!

Grayling Bakery

A. R. CRAIG, Prop.

Phone 16

The death of Mrs. Frieda Niles
Brainerd of Coldwater last Thursday
evening brought sorrow to friends and
schoolmates here. Mrs. Brainerd came
from Arkansas to make her home
with her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs.
Niles, and to attend school here,
graduating with the class of 1908.
For about four years she was a com-
positor in the Avalanche office after
which she attended the college of
Photography at Effingham, Ill., work-
ing at that in Quincy, Mich., for
several years. Here she was married to
Floyd L. Brainerd and after a
few years in Florida they made their
home on a farm near Coldwater. Mrs.
Brainerd leaves her mother, Mrs.
Louise B. Niles, of Ann Arbor, and
brother, Arthur, of Toledo, Ohio, in
sorrow. They, too, were residents of
Grayling and have the sympathy of
friends here. She was laid to rest at
Quincy, Mich., Sunday afternoon.

One of the happiest crowds of boys
and girls, and grown-ups too, was
the one at the South Side church
Christmas exercises Tuesday night.
Their nice little church was filled to
capacity. A Christmas program had
been splendidly arranged and was
nicely carried out by the boys and
girls of the Sunday school, all ap-
propriate to Christmas time. After
the program candies and other
Christmas goodies and toys were dis-
tributed to the children. As has been
his custom for many years past T.
W. Hanson's Santa Claus provided
the candies for the occasion and Mrs.
Sidney Graham's Santa the toys. T.
W. and Mr. Schumann were invited
guests and it is needless to say that
they enjoyed it quite as much as the
Sunday school children and the others.
Tee gave a talk and quite amused
the youngsters by reciting the first
piece he gave in public when only
five years of age. It certainly was
a great night for all who were there.
It would inspire anyone to see what
splendid religious work is being done
for our boys and girls of the South
Side. Of course it is a struggle to
make ends meet and be able to keep
a resident pastor, but they are do-
ing it, much to their great credit.
And the boys and girls are getting
the benefit of a religious training
right in their own little church.

(Local news on other pages)

Anyone having legal papers at the
office of the Register of Deeds, please
call for same before January 1st.
ANDREW HART,
Register of Deeds,
12-18-2

WASHINGTON NOTES
AND COMMENTS

The closing of banks has been a
subject of frequent report during the
past few weeks, the most talked-about
instance being the case of the Bank
of the United States, in New York.
The damage resulting from a suspen-
sion of payment does not lie solely
in the fact that badly-needed money
is tied up. There follows, as well,
a subtle depression, and a haunting
suspicion of mind, even among those
who lose nothing, which often is not
shake off in a lifetime. The paralysis
of more than one community can be
traced to the psychological effects
caused by a bank failure, rather than
to money losses. The situation is
all the more regrettable when it is
known that many a wrecked banking
house may have weathered the storm,
but for the traditional "run" upon it.
No one is less entitled to be called a
good citizen than he who lends his
ear to idle tales about the home bank,
and gives them circulation.

Millions still living can remember
when the substitution of a furnace
for a half-dozen stoves was consid-
ered a long step in advance in the
science of house heating. The next
progressive effort was along the line
of displacing coal by another fuel,
and there the matter rests. The
factors of the problem are, to do away
with fuel deliveries, obviate the work
of stoking and ash removal, promote
safety, and last but not perhaps most
important, to keep the cost nearly to
the level of coal firing. No one of
the several plans in vogue has all
of these advantages. It seems that
real progress can be based only on
some plan that includes the central
plant idea. In general, nothing could
be more wasteful than to have each
householder employed as a small
scale heat maker.

ALPENA MAYOR SENDS SEAS-
ON'S GREETINGS.

Mayor C. W. Olson received a tele-
gram Wednesday morning from the
mayor of Alpena extending to the vil-
lage of Grayling the season's greet-
ings. The message and Mayor Ol-
son's reply read as follows:

Alpena, Dec. 23, 1930.
Mayor, Grayling, Mich.
Our citizens deem it a great pleas-
ure and one of the finest joys of the
Christmas season to set aside the
routine of every day business and in
sincerity wish you and your citi-
zens a Merry Christmas and a Happy
and prosperous New Year.

JOHN D. BIGHAM, Mayor.

Grayling, Mich., Dec. 24, 1930.
Mayor John D. Bigham,
Alpena, Mich.

It gives us great pleasure to receive
your Christmas Greeting. We hope
you and all the citizens of Alpena
will have a Jolly Christmas and a
Good New Year.

VILLAGE OF GRAYLING,
Chris W. Olson, President.

TAXES ARE DUE

I will be ready to collect taxes
December 10th and will have head-
quarters at the office of the Judge of
Probate at the court house, Tuesdays
and Saturdays.

CARL JENSON,
Township Clerk.

T. E. DOUGLAS PASSES AWAY

T. E. Douglas, owner of the Dou-
glas hotel at Lovells and proprietor
of the Nash Garage in Grayling pass-
ed away at Mercy Hospital Sunday
morning at one o'clock after a long
illness. A year ago last fall Mr.
Douglas began failing in health and
in June entered Mercy Hos-
pital where he has been a patient
since. Everything possible was done
for Mr. Douglas. He was a hard
fighter and had strong resistance, but
not enough to overcome his illness.

Thomas Edgar Douglas was born at
Burford, Ontario, Canada Sept. 17,
1861. He came to Michigan in 1883
as bookkeeper for his uncle, Jack
Douglas at Alger. He was active in
this capacity on the Tibbatawassee
river, leaving the employ of his uncle
at Saginaw at the end of the season
then went to West Branch to engage
in a contract job, operating a lumber
mill for C. W. Cline. He was united
in marriage to Martha Mary Husted
of that city on May 19th, 1901. To
this union was born two children,
Margaret Mildred and Thos. Edgar
Jr.

Mr. Douglas came to Grayling in
1893 and was engaged by Mr. R.
Hanson to operate a saw, lath and
shingle mill. During a difficult year
he was sent by Mr. Hanson to Saginaw
to look after mills there, at the
same time being engaged in business
of his own at Lovells. Later he left
Mr. Hanson's operations and moved
his family to Lovells in 1906 where
the family has resided since. When
the mill industry slackened, Mr.
Douglas founded and developed the
now well known North Branch Out-
ing club. He had been a firm friend
of Mr. C. W. Nash and became in-
terested in Mr. Nash's new project in
the motor car industry and took the
agency for his cars in 1918. He
established a sales and service station
shortly afterward which is now known
as the Nash Grayling Sales, in which
capacity he remained active until
health forced him to refrain from
strenuous business.

While suffering for two years,
physicians were unable to determine
the exact nature of his ailment un-
til May 30th of this year, when it
was discovered that a cancer was
causing his illness.

Surviving the deceased is his widow,
one daughter Miss Margaret, a teach-
er in Grayling schools and a son,
Edgar Douglas Jr. Also his aged
mother, Mrs. Emma C. Douglas of
Lovells, a brother Charles H. Dou-
glas of Memphis, Mich., and two grand-
sons, Thomas Edgar III and James
Collen Douglas.

Those from out of the city in at-
tendance at the funeral included
James Husted and son William, Miss-
es Margaret and Cora Husted, West
Branch; Miss Gertrude Foley, Pontiac;
Mrs. George Dutko and son Edward,
St. Helen.

The funeral was held Tuesday af-
ternoon with services at the Michelson
Memorial church, where the remains
had laid in state from Sunday eve-
ning. The Masonic burial service was
used and there was a large turnout
of members to pay their last tribute
to their deceased brother. Rev. J.
W. Greenwood preached a very com-
pressive sermon and a quartet com-
posed of Mrs. Roy Milnes, Mrs.
Harold Jamison and Mr. E. H. Webb
and Fred Alexander sang a number
of hymns. The flowers were beautiful
with them and the casket and all
surrounding it was laden with
beautiful pieces of all descriptions. A
blanket of American beauty roses
covered the casket, all tokens of es-
teem from the hosts of friends of
the Douglas family.

Mr. Douglas was one of the best
known sportsmen in Northern Mich-
igan. He was a charter member of
the St. Helens club, and developed
the Russell Lake Hunting club and
was an expert hunter and fisherman
and enjoyed that kind of recreation.
Thousands of people have registered
at the Douglas hotel and most of
them knew him well and there was,
over all these years, a kind of kin-
dred friendship between host and
guests that has endured right up to
this time. Mrs. Douglas knew how
to feed the guests and between the
two the Douglas hotel built up an
enviable reputation for comfort and
hospitality. Mr. Douglas was a good
business man and, before illness be-
gan to take toll of his life, was an
energetic hustler. As the Nash
dealer he certainly had a lot of Nash
buyers here at home. At one time
when Mr. Nash visited Grayling Mr.
Douglas invited out the Nash owners
and they staged a parade several
blocks long for the pleasure of Mr.
Nash.

In the death of Mr. Douglas Gray-
ling has lost one of its well known
business men and one who was al-
ways known to be loyal, honest and
faithful to its interests. He was a
member of Grayling Lodge F. & A.
M. No. 358, O. E. S., Oddfellows and
Knights of Pythias.

LUMBERJACKS LOSE TO EAST
JORDAN

In a real spirited conflict last Sat-
urday night Grayling Lumberjacks
lost to the East Jordan Independents
by a score of 34 to 37.

This was the first appearance of
an East Jordan team on the local
court for a number of years and the
close match of the two teams made
the game unusually interesting. The
Lumberjacks will play a return game
at East Jordan some time in the near
future.

Preliminary to the game there was
a game between two clam teams
which also was full of pep and sharp
rivalry.

NEW DRESSES

For the New Year Party

SATINS, SILK CREPES, GEORGETTES

-a Beautiful Selection

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Get your SPRING SHOES NOW

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a Joyful Christmas and a New Year of
Abundant Happiness and Prosperity.
permit us also to express the Wish that
we may ever continue to merit your highest
confidence.

CARL W. PETERSON
Jeweler

Want Ads

LOST—Saturday, Nov. 29th, a 35-
calibre automatic Remington gun
in case, in or near Grayling. Liber-
al reward for its return or infor-
mation about same. Lynn D.
Allen, 294 Judson street, Pontiac,
Mich. 12-25-2

WILL BUY DEAD HORSES if
healthy. Grayling, 85-W.

WANTED—Housework of any kind.
Cleaning or any other work. Mrs.
Lizzie Loper, Lake street, 12-18-2f.

LOST—Five Jersey steers. Should
have tag with my name and ad-
dress in ear. Notify Menno Esch,
Mio, Mich. 12-18-3

WILL BUY direct from owner for
private use, small tract of wild
land preferable on or near trout
stream, give full particulars and
price in first letter. Write Edw.
D. Whipple Dist. Mgr. Guaranty
Life Ins. Co., 211 First National
Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Mich.—12-18-2

YOUNG BROILING RABBITS dressed
and delivered, 40¢ per lb. Order
by phone. AuSable Furs, Inc.
Phone 85-W.

LIVE CHINCHILLA FUR RAB-
BITS, delivered, 45¢ per lb. A
Christmas present for the kids.
AuSable Furs Inc.—Phone 85-W.

FOR SALE—Blooded Police pups, at
\$5.00 and \$10.00; Doberman and
German strain. Call AuSable Furs
Inc., Grayling. Phone 85-W.

WORK WANTED—By young lady.
Housework or any other work a
lady can do. Miss Della Fry. In-
quire at Avalanche office. 12-18-2f.

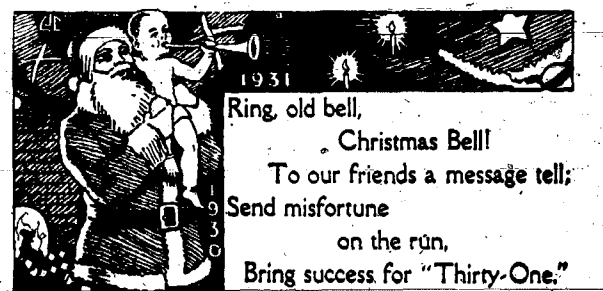
LOST—Masonic ring with diamond
setting, Sunday, Dec. 7. Finder
please notify Marjorie Insley. 2f.

BRICK, PLASTERING AND CEMENT
work wanted. Axel Swanson, Gray-
ling. 10-16-2f.

FOR SALE—Modern house. Light-
water, hotwater heat, oil burner,
nicely located. Bargain. See O. P.
Schumann at Avalanche office.

PAY DOG TAX TO CO. TREAS.

Dog taxes are now payable at the
office of the County Treasurer at the
Court House. Pay now and avoid
penalty. WM. FERGUSON,
County Treasurer.



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Remember this is a
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Phone 79

In the belief that friend-
ship is one of the rewards
of business. We approach
this Christmas season with
a genuine appreciation of
your good will. May we
wish for you a full measure
of happiness and a prosper-
ous New Year.

Mac & Gidley
DRUGGISTS



Wishing You a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

CENTRAL DRUG STORE
C. W. OLSEN PROP.
GRAYLING, MICH.

Local Happenings

Miss Mildred Corwin of Lansing arrived home Sunday for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Scott of South Branch were callers in Grayling Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer (Ruth Mahon) and son Louis of Bay City were guests of the former's brother, Dewey Palmer, and family Sunday.

Lieut. Russell E. Bates and family of Lansing and Alfred Hermann of South Bend, Ind., are here to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates.

Miss Elizabeth Matson arrived home Saturday morning from Battle Creek college, Battle Creek, to spend the holiday vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elnor Matson.

Miss Thiene's classes in Home Economics are busy bees as was shown by their thoughtfulness, when they filled 50 boxes with candy, peanuts and stuffed wafers and sent them to the Board of Trade rooms to be put into the baskets to be sent out to cheer little folks on Christmas.

They finished it too and although it had depleted their treasury it will make them happy to think that they made some one else happy on Christmas. They also made the 700 stockings that were used by Santa Claus in his Community work, taking them home to sew after school hours.

Harry Langer of Bay City came today to spend Christmas and a few days with friends here.

Harl Deckrow, who is employed by the Alert Pipe & Supply Co. of Bay City, visited at his home here Sunday.

Edwren Hansen Jr. arrived home Saturday morning from Delafield, Wisconsin, where he attends St. John's Military academy. He is spending the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hansen.

Mr. Dorr of Grass Lake, father of Miss Eva Dorr, commercial teacher, was in Grayling over the week end, coming to take part in the Christmas services at the Methodist Memorial church and to accompany his daughter home.

The annual Christmas party of the Women's club was held at the home of Mrs. H. Roger Schmidt, Monday evening, December 15th. The Christmas charity work was planned and then after a most appropriate program gifts were distributed to each member from a beautifully decorated tree. The ladies enjoyed delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Richard Thompson delightfully entertained the Birthday club at a real Christmas party at her home last Thursday afternoon. There were a large number of ladies and fifteen children present. The kiddies enjoyed their Christmas tree, and each received a toy and sack of candy. Mrs. Axel made some one else happy on Christmas. They also made the 700 stockings that were used by Santa Claus in his Community work, taking them home to sew after school hours.

Mrs. Russell Vallad, Jan. 8th.



Foreword

LIGHT as the blazing Yule, splendid as the candles in the Tabernacle, holy as the lights that burned through the Sacred mysteries, Christmas is with us once again.

FOR as the Scriptures declare—light cometh in the midst of darkness so in the darkest season do we celebrate our brightest day. Though earth be wrapped in the chill of frost and the sun has lost its power to heat—our hearts are warmed and our spirits glow with the thoughts that Christmas brings.

TO the spirit of the Season do we commend you—and following the custom of the time, convey our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy one. May the spirit which is upon us bless you—and give you your heart's desire. May the year which is approaching favor you with every happiness it can bestow.

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Little Miss Zina Stephan is spending her vacation at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Earl Matheson, on the Ausable.

Miss Velma Barger is visiting friends in West Branch for a few days, after which she will go to Flint for an indefinite stay.

Elmer Fenton, who is attending the Central State Teachers College at Mt. Pleasant is spending the holidays with friends in Grayling.

Emerson Brown is home from U. of M., Ann Arbor for the holiday vacation, visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown of Bay City visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Brown here Sunday. Mrs. Brown's father, Frank Woodruff, who has been quite seriously ill at his home in Bay City for several weeks, is improving.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Greenwood and children, Perry and Madelyn and Mrs. Greenwood's father, Mr. J. B. Anderson left Wednesday for Akron, Mich., where the Reverend will officiate at the wedding ceremony of a member of his former church. They will spend a few days in Akron and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barber entertained eight of their friends at a card party Saturday evening. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Scott. Mrs. Barber served a delicious lunch. The guests left at a late hour, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Christmas parties of school classes were much in vogue during the holiday season, the two by the Home Economics Clubs being very pleasant affairs. The Senior club held their party Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. George McCullough with a Christmas tree and lunch. Gifts were exchanged and a jolly evening was spent. Thursday the Junior club had a pot luck dinner and a tree prettily decorated in the Home Economics room.

Photographer Charles Hagle reports a fine photo business for the holidays. Good photography has brought in a lot of patronage and everyone seems to be well pleased. He has considerable work on hand to finish up and will keep his studio open for some time longer, or until all orders have been finished and delivered. There is still time to get photos taken so if there are any families here who desire them, they should make appointments at once. He may be reached by calling the Avalanche office—phone 111.

WASHINGTON CURRENT COMMENT

The Senate has under consideration a resolution to stop immigration for a period of two years. Disregarding those who favor or oppose the measure on academic or philosophical grounds, the discussion seems to be prompted by self-interest, as most discussions are. Those who are in, and have no one to bring in, think that it is time the lid was clapped on. Those who are out, or who have friends who are out, feel that to check immigration would be against public policy, contrary to good morals, and subversive of the public weal.

A dog which spent its life with the guardhouse prisoners at Ft. Myer, Va., is buried with military honors. The bugles have been blown, and the final volley fired, above the body of a less faithful and less deserving object of respect.

The latest slant on the prohibition question is found in the decision of a Federal judge, who holds that the 18th Amendment is unconstitutional, because it was not properly submitted to the people for approval. For the wets there is the satisfaction of knowing that a cloud has been thrown upon this much-debated Amendment, and that the decisions of this particular justice seldom have been found to be in error by courts of review and appeal. For the dries, there is consolation in the thought that no man can be right always, and that the Supreme Court of the United States will have the last say.

A New York man who wandered off into the burning deserts of Death Valley, and was given up for dead, has been found living cozily with a band of Indians. He may give his rescuers no thanks for dragging him back into a world of traffic troubles, unemployment, and Christmas shopping.

Dead or dying. Not a pleasing heading for consideration during the Christmas season, but like the poor of the Scriptures, it is always with us. Ex-president Poincaré of France is paralyzed and nearing the verge. The police bring the body of the traditional boy who put out in a small boat, in the teeth of a rising gale, and against the sailor's warning. A craft blows up in Florida waters and kills three. A sea captain commits suicide rather than stand the gaff for his errors. Three bank bandits get theirs from a posse in Illinois. And, finally, a priest in Washington shades a tree is dead. The gas company did it, it is said, and the courts have the matter in hand.

Things have a bad look in Spain, where strikes, plots, and all sorts of revolutionary movements have been put on foot, with the avowed purpose of overthrowing the monarchy. The House of Hapsburg is unlucky, and Fate may have scheduled King Alfonso to go the way of his fathers. When one recalls how Spain has been stripped of her territorial possessions, and gradually reduced to the place of a fourth-rate power, one is inclined to think that the people may be justified in experimenting with a new boss.

A BOOSTER STORY

Written for the Red Arrow Contest campaign.

"You must hurry, Dear, or we are going to be late. You know we are calling on the Jones' tonight and they don't like to have their visitors straggling in at all hours." "Yes I know, but if you knew how much I detest that Mr. Jones you wouldn't ask me to go. But I suppose we must return that call."

After a brief ride in Clark's shiny new automobile we found them arriving at the home of the Jones' with Mr. Clark's temper showing little or no decrease.

Next we found them seated in the Jones' spacious and well furnished living room. Mr. Jones is the first to speak. "How do you like our new living room furniture Jack? Edna and I are really quite proud of it, and prouder still to know that we have a merchant right here in our own town who can supply us with such beautiful furnishings. And can you imagine! You get a Red Arrow dollar back for every dollar you spend! There is no joke about this, when you once get interested in the Red Arrow game, you learn to appreciate the value of the Red Arrow dollar. Believe me, the Red Arrow idea is all right! The prizes you get are taken from the merchant's regular stock and are not a whole lot of cheaply made up premium stuff. We all know that the merchants behind this campaign carry high grade merchandise."

"Just look at this davenport suite; its really beautiful isn't it. And the inside is just as sturdy as the outside is beautiful. It is made to wear for years upon years—just to give you an idea of how it is made, Jack, I will try and explain some of the things Mr. Sorenson told me about it. For instance, the springs are tied eight different ways in both the davenport and chairs, and Mr. Sorenson says springs are not always made that way. Many manufacturers tie the springs four ways only and others use a steel construction which is much cheaper to use and cannot be compared with the old reliable eight knot construction. Some difference isn't it. But that isn't all; the wooden framework is securely screwed and put together with dowel pins, while cheap furniture is only nailed and soon works loose. Now to give you a little idea as to the exterior of this suite. It is covered with the finest grade of Mohair that can be obtained anywhere. And notice the reversible side of the cushions; beautiful, aren't they? This side is covered with an especially high grade English tapestry and the needlework on it is unexcelled in any way. We certainly do get a lot of enjoyment out of our new furniture."

"Another fine thing about it is that we couldn't pay cash for it but they gladly let me open an account with them and gave me Red Arrow money equal to what I paid down. I also get Red Arrow money when I make my monthly payments."

"Yes Jim, that certainly is fine furniture—and I wish I could have some like it."

"You got it, Jack; the Red Arrow club is giving one away just exactly the same as mine to some booster who gets the largest number of Red Arrows. The idea is you should join the Booster club and get all of your friends to trade at Red Arrow stores, and when they make a purchase ask them to tell the merchant they buy from to credit you up with the number of arrows, which of course vary according to the amount of the purchase."

"You bet I'll join Jim, and I'm going to be a real booster too, because I know a lot of people who trade at chain stores and out of town who would gladly trade at Red Arrow stores to help me win that wonderful suite of furniture."

"And by the way, Jack, have you ever attended a Red Arrow Auction? Edna and I have a great time at them—nearly everyone living around here goes. You don't want to miss the next one as you are certain of having a good time and carrying home some really worth while articles. They auction everything you can imagine; Jack; Guns, Chairs, Groceries, Clothing, Batteries and sometimes even credit on other articles from one of the stores. Don't miss the next one."

"Well, Jim, it is getting late and I am going to have a long day tomorrow. Evelyn looks sleepy too. Had a wonderful evening Jim, and you must come over and see us again soon."

On the way home both Mr. and Mrs. Clark were eagerly discussing folks whom they could get to join in the Red Arrow game and pull for them in the Booster club. Mrs. Clark says she has never seen such wonderful bargains as what Mrs. Jones has purchased from Sorenson Brothers and other Red Arrow Stores. She continued by telling Mr. Clark all about the nice things the Jones' had won at the Red Arrow auctions.

"Yes," answered Mr. Clark, "it is funny that we have never before noticed the many advantages offered in dealing at the Red Arrow places and here this campaign has been going on for several months right before our eyes."—Adv.

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ANOTHER SNAKE STORY

Listen to this one from North Carolina, which is prima facie evidence that the revenue officers have not been active in that quarter recently. When a boy that writer often tried out the fable of a dead snake's tail never losing its muscular action till the sun went down, but this is the first time he ever heard of the decapitated head of a reptile retaining its power to strike and kill with the poison from its fangs.

The item which is culled from the outdoor page of the Detroit Sunday News, comes from Kingstons, N. C., and states that three deer hounds were bitten to death by a decapitated rattlesnake which hunters had shot and cut in two. The dogs ran up to investigate the head which had been severed about a foot back of the jaws, and the head struck repeatedly till all three dogs were repeatedly such an extent that they died soon after. The item also adds that it is a "Good plan to burn or bury the heads of all venomous snakes WHICH HAVE BEEN KILLED, and that they may be burned in coal oil or gasoline." The Space Filler would add that the heads may also be burned in a good hardwood or coal fire, or may be cut up into small pieces and fried in melted butter—or oleo, or if the snake killer is a vegetarian, he may boil them in mazola or other vegetable substitute. If after this treatment the head still shows a desire to strike it might be hermetically sealed in a flask of alcohol—but perhaps that would not do as too many snakes have already appeared in flasks of spirits.

A SCOTCH TREAT
During the rush of getting out an edition of several extra pages last week the "boss" treated the force to some of this new chocolate-yeast confection—and we all wondered at this unlooked-for pre-Christmas liberality—that is, until one of the force happened to read the testimonial on the wrapper which stated that a business executive had treated his office help to this confection and it caused them to work much harder—and so the cat was out of the bag. Well, "it's an ill wind that blows no one some good."

WHEN WE PUT OUR SHIRTS ON OVER OUR HEADS
Geo. E. English in the Bad Axe Tribune says:

"We often wonder how many of you 'old-timers' around Bad Axe can recall when we put our shirts on over our head, when anybody could hitch up a horse, when there were no such things as wrist watches and a hired girl was lucky to get \$2.50 a week. Or how many remember when boys collected cigarette pictures, when everybody had tonsils and kept 'em, when nobody had appendicitis and most everybody kept the Sabbath. Surely there must be a lot of folks around here who can remember when they carried a lantern on the dashboard of the spring wagon and drove through mud, loose rock or dirt most of the time when they slept on a straw tick and took a bath in the wash tub in the kitchen only on Saturday night, or when women wore Mother Hubbards, when a brick covered with carpet served as a door-stop, and when congress gaiters were the most stylish shoes. But if you can remember any or all of these it isn't a sign that you are getting old. It's just a sign of good memory."

The Space-Filler confesses to a good memory, and also would like to add that many of those who "put their shirt on over their head, slept on straw ticks and took a bath in the wash tub only on Saturday night," were cleaner both inside and out, and slept with a clearer conscience than many of those who today lie on the latest "sleep-easy" mattresses and perform their ablutions daily in tile baths.

WHERE GAME PROTECTION FUND COMES FROM
The Game Protection Fund is not all "hunters money" or "fishermen money" or all of any special interest, according to percentage charts recently compiled by the Conservation Department.

These charts, based on the receipts of the past two years, show that deer license fees and small game hunting and trapping licenses make up sixty per cent of this fund; fishing licenses both game and commercial, by far the majority of which is non-resident angler's license fees, add thirty-one per cent; the balance is composed of miscellaneous revenue such as muskrat licenses, the sale of confiscated property, officers' fees derived from court convictions, etc.

Of the total of the Game Protection Fund, eighty-seven per cent is derived from recreational sources and thirteen per cent from commercial sources. Seventy-five per cent from Michigan residents and twenty-five per cent from non-residents.

Become A Booster Now, While the Contest is Still an Infant



"My how children do grow!" You'd hardly recognize the Booster Contest as the same baby you saw a few weeks ago. But that's not a circumstance to the way he is going to develop from now on.

You can enter the Booster Contest at any time but there are many advantages in becoming a Booster now while the contest is still an infant.

How to Help Your Favorite Booster

Those who do not want to be Boosters themselves can enjoy much of the sport of this thrilling race for prizes by helping their favorite Booster. The way to do that is by giving Red Arrow Money to the Booster. Later on still other ways of helping will be announced. When you go to an athletic event you get a great "kick" out of backing your favorite player. You will get the same thrill from helping your favorite Booster win.

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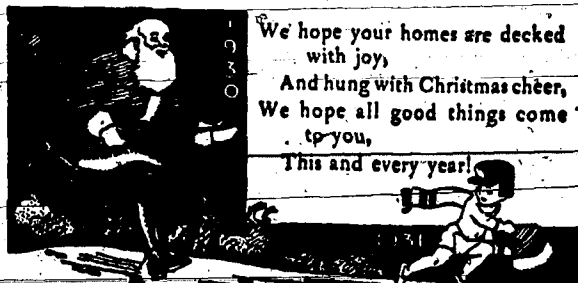
NAVY RECRUITING INCREASED

The U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, 710 Lawyers Building, Detroit, Michigan, has been notified by the Navy Department to resume normal recruiting beginning January 2, 1931. Twenty-four recruits will be enlisted from Detroit and Michigan. Applicants must pass a satisfactory physical examination, should have some high school education and be of good standing in their community.

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